

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended. Claim 33 has been added. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2-5 and 8 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 597,420 to Kim et al. ("Kim"). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim.

Without conceding the merits of the rejections, to place this application in condition for allowance, applicants have incorporated the features of allowable claim 2 into claim 1.

Claims 7 and 10 depend from claim 1. The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given above for claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 7 and 10.

New claim 32 is the incorporation of the features of allowable claim 8 into claim 1.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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